

Homegoing Celebration
for
Willie Caldwell White



SUNRISE
May 25, 1925

SUNSET
August 21, 2002

Service Held On

Tuesday, August 27, 2002 • 11:00 AM



HILLTOP COMMUNITY CHURCH

3118 Shane Drive • Richmond, CA 94806



Officiant: **REVEREND JOSEPH K. FLOWERS**

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church • 1905 Florida Street • Vallejo, CA

Obituary

W

ILLIE CALDWELL WHITE was born May 25, 1925. He was the fourth of eight children born to Joshua Clifton White, Sr. and Jessie Nowden-White. Both preceded him in death. Willie became a Christian at an early age at the Centennial Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Willie served his Country in the United States Navy during World War II. After his tenure in the Navy, he moved to Oakland, California where he met and married Algie Mae White. She preceded him in death. To this union two wonderful sons were born Timothy and Roderick White.

Willie was affectionately called "Cerie" or "Whiteboy," by all who knew him. He was compassionate, warm, charming, positive, humorous, a fun person and a great human spirit who loved his family, music, dancing—he really loved to dance—and friends.

When his body could not endure any more pain, Almighty God with His supreme wisdom stepped in to give him rest on Wednesday, August 21, 2002.

His memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of his sons, Timothy White (Gwendolyn) of Vallejo, California, Roderick White of Oakland, California; a granddaughter, Monikkia of Vallejo, California; three brothers, Joshua Clifton White, Jr., R.B. White, Adolphus White and a sister Thelma White-Corbin who preceed him in death; three sisters, Vivian White of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Floydell Whyte, Alversia M. Whaley (George) of Chicago, Illinois; and a host of nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews, cousins, and special friends.

Rejoice in the Lord! Don't weep for me. I've added two great branches to our Family Tree. Whenever you hear a bird chirping in a tree, whenever you hear a beautiful melody, Think of Me. As long as you keep me in your heart, we shall never, ever, be far apart.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Tony DeWayne

PROCESSIONAL

Scripture Pastor Jim Heden
Hilltop Community Church • Richmond, CA

Old Testament 2 Chronicles 7:4

New Testament Philippians 4:4

Musical Selection Tony DeWayne
"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Prayer Reverend Joseph K. Flowers
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church • Vallejo, CA

Musical Selection Melanie Beasley
"Going Up Yonder"

Acknowledgments Lisa Grant-Dawson

Reading of Obituary Debbie Woods

Musical Selection Tony DeWayne
"Amazing Grace"

Words of Expression Family & Friends
(please limit remarks to 2 minutes)

Eulogy Reverend Joseph K. Flowers

Benediction Reverend Joseph K. Flowers

Musical Prelude Tony DeWayne

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL PARK
4100 Hilltop Drive • Richmond, CA 94803

Active Pallbearers

Gary Hill

Michael Woods

George Uchenna Okereke

Derrick Dogan

Craig Hatcher

Larry Elliott

Honorary Pallbearers

'Pappy'

Vernon Walker

Bob Cain

Rayfield White

Curtis Griffin

George Knox



Acknowledgments

Perhaps you made a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.

— THE FAMILY



BAKER MORTUARY

980 8th Street • Oakland, CA 94607

